

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING STAFF REPORT

Tentative Notice of Action

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MEETING DATE
March 17, 2006
LOCAL EFFECTIVE DATE
March 31, 2006
APPROX FINAL EFFECTIVE
DATE

CONTACT/PHONE Ryan Hostetter 788-2351 APPLICANT
Will and Marilyn Souza

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER

FILE NO. DRC2005-00124

SUBJECT

April 21, 2006

Request by Will and Marilyn Souza for a Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit to add a pedestrian lift, residential elevator, and connecting breezeway to the existing single family residence totaling 53.31 square feet. The project will result in a site total of 1,829.31 square feet of footprint and 3,688.79 square feet of gross structural area on an approximately 7,183 square foot parcel. The project will not impact or remove any pine or oak trees, and will require the purchase of 127 transfer of development credits (TDC's). The project is located at 610 Randall Ave. in the Community of Cambria, in the North Coast Planning Area.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Minor Use Permit/Coastal Development Permit DRC2005-00124 based on the findings listed in Exhibit A and the conditions listed in Exhibit B.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

A Class 3 Categorical Exemption was issued on February 16, 2006 (ED05-326).

LAND USE CATEGORY

COMBINING DESIGNATION

Residential Single Family Terrestrial Habitat, Local Coastal

Terrestrial Habitat, Local Coastal
Program, Archaeologically Sensitive

SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)

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PLANNING AREA STANDARDS:

Setbacks, Height, Footprint and Gross Structural Area Limitations

Does the project meet applicable Planning Area Standards: Yes - see discussion

LAND USE ORDINANCE STANDARDS:

Local Coastal Program and Terrestrial Habitat, Archaeologically Sensitive Area

Does the project conform to the Land Use Ordinance Standards: Yes - see discussion

FINAL ACTION

This tentative decision will become the final action on the project, unless the tentative decision is changed as a result of information obtained at the administrative hearing or is appealed to the County Board of Supervisors pursuant Section 23.01.042 of the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance; effective on the 10th working day after the receipt of the final action by the California Coastal Commission. The tentative decision will be transferred to the Coastal Commission following the required 14-calendar day local appeal period after the administrative hearing.

The applicant is encouraged to call the Central Coast District Office of the Coastal Commission in Santa Cruz at (831) 427-4863 to verify the date of final action. The County will not issue any construction permits prior to the end of the Coastal Commission process.

EXISTING USES: Residential Single Family		
SURROUNDING LAND USE CATEGORIES AND USES: North: Residential Single Family/residential South: Residential Single Family/residential	East: Residential Single Family/residential West: Residential Single Family/residential	
OTHER AGENCY / ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT: The project was referred to: The project was ref Community Services District, and the California	erred to: North Coast Advisory Council, Public Works, Cambria Coastal Commission	
TOPOGRAPHY: Nearly level to steeply sloping	VEGETATION: Ornamental vegetation	
PROPOSED SERVICES: Water supply: CCSD Sewage Disposal: CCSD Fire Protection: Cambria Fire	ACCEPTANCE DATE: January 20, 2006	

PLANNING AREA STANDARDS:

Lot Size: 7,183 square feet

Triple, Typical

Oversized lot adjustment: 1.37

Slope: approx 8 percent Number of trees to be removed: 0 pine and 0 oaks Base: 1,300 sq ft footprint, 2,600 sq ft GSA

PROJECT REVIEW	ALLOWABLE	PROPOSED	STATUS
FOOTPRINT (SQUARE FEET)	1,300 x 1.37 = 1,781	1829.31	OK with 48.31 TDC's
GSA (SQUARE FEET)	2,600 x 1.37 = 3,562	3688.79	OK with 126.79 TDC's
DECKS (SQUARE FEET)			
Pervious	534.3	0	OK
IMPERVIOUS	178.1	0	OK
HEIGHT (FEET)	28'	28'	ОК
SETBACKS (FEET)			
FRONT	10'	10'	OK
Rear	15'	16'	ок
SIDE	5'	3"	OK no alterations are being made to existing setbacks
STREET SIDE	10'	N/A	ОК

LAND USE ORDINANCE STANDARDS:

The project site is located within the California Coastal Zone as determined by the California Coastal Act of 1976 and is subject to the provisions of the Local Coastal Plan.

COASTAL PLAN POLICIES: This project is in compliance with the Coastal Plan Policies, the most relevant policies are discussed below.

Public Works:

Policy 1: Availability of Service Capacity applies to the project. The proposed project does not include additional water fixtures, and will not increase water usage from the property.

Coastal Watersheds:

- Policy 7: Siting of new development: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because the proposed addition will be located on an existing lot of record in the Residential Single Family category and there is no area of the site with a slope of less than 20 percent.
- Policy 8: Timing of new construction: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because if grading is to occur or left unfinished between October 15 through April 15 the project is required to have an erosion and sedimentation control plan and all sedimentation and erosion control measures will be in place before the start of the rainy season.
- Policy 10: Drainage Provisions: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because the project is required to have a drainage plan that shows the construction of the addition will not increase erosion or runoff.

Hazards:

- Policy 1: New Development: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because it is located and designed to minimize risks to human life and property.
- Policy 2: Erosion and Geologic Stability: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because it is designed to ensure structural stability while not creating or contributing to erosion of geological instability.

Environmentally Sensitive Habitats:

- Policy 1: Land Uses Within or Adjacent to Environmentally Sensitive Habitats: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because it will not significantly disrupt the habitat and tree removal and site disturbance have been minimized. There is no tree removal proposed with this project.
- Policy 2: Permit Requirement: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because there will be no significant impact on sensitive habitats and proposed development will be consistent with the biological continuance of the habitat.
- Policy 3: Habitat Restoration: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because if removed, Monterey Pine trees will be replaced on a two-to-one basis and Coast Live Oak trees will be replaced on a four-to-one basis, however there is no tree removal proposed with this project.
- Policy 27: Protection of Terrestrial Habitats: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because the project does not propose to remove sensitive vegetation.
- Policy 28: Protection of Native Vegetation: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because tree removal and site disturbance have been minimized. If trees are removed, Monterey Pine trees will be replaced on a two-to-one basis and Coast Live Oak trees will be replaced on a four-to-one basis.
- Policy 33: Protection of Vegetation: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because site disturbance have been minimized through project design.

Visual and Scenic Resources:

Policy 7: Preservation of Trees and Native Vegetation: The proposed project is consistent with this policy because disturbance has been minimized through project design.

Archaeology:

Policy 4: Preliminary Site Survey: The parcel is in an archeologically sensitive area. A Phase I archaeological survey is not necessary because the proposed project is located on top of an existing building pad, and will not create any disturbance to native soils.

Does the project meet applicable Coastal Plan Policies: Yes, as conditioned

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP COMMENTS: No comment received from NCAC as of February 16, 2006.

AGENCY REVIEW:

Public Works - "OK"

Cambria Community Services District –See letter from CCSD in file dated 12/12/05. Cambria Fire – See fire plan review letter in file dated 12/22/05
The Land Conservancy – 132 TDC's have been reserved

LEGAL LOT STATUS:

The lot was legally created by a recorded map at a time when that was a legal method of creating lots (Cambria Pines Tract 8)

Staff report prepared by Ryan Hostetter and reviewed by Matthew Janssen

EXHIBIT A - FINDINGS

CEQA Exemption

A. The project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because the project is a minor addition to an existing single-family residence.

Minor Use Permit

- B. The proposed project or use is consistent with the San Luis Obispo County General Plan because the use is an allowed use and as conditioned is consistent with all of the General Plan policies.
- C. As conditioned, the proposed project or use satisfies all applicable provisions of Title 23 of the County Code.
- D. The establishment and subsequent operation or conduct of the use will not, because of the circumstances and conditions applied in the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the general public or persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the use, or be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity of the use because the project does not generate activity that presents a potential threat to the surrounding property and buildings. This project is subject to Ordinance and Building Code requirements designed to address health, safety and welfare concerns.
- E. The proposed project or use will not be inconsistent with the character of the immediate neighborhood or contrary to its orderly development because the project is similar to, and will not conflict with, the surrounding lands and uses.
- F. The proposed project or use will not generate a volume of traffic beyond the safe capacity of all roads providing access to the project, either existing or to be improved with the project because the project is located on a road constructed to a level able to handle any additional traffic associated with the project.

Coastal Access

G. The proposed use is in conformity with the public access and recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act, because the project is not adjacent to the coast and the project will not inhibit access to the coastal waters and recreation areas.

Terrestrial Habitat

H. The project or use will not create significant adverse effects on the natural features of the site or vicinity that were the basis for the Sensitive Resource Area designation, and will preserve and protect such features through the site design, because tree removal has been minimized and if trees are removed or impacted they will be replaced.

- Natural features and topography have been considered in the design and siting of all
 proposed physical improvements, because the proposed structure has been designed to
 minimize tree removal and site disturbance.
- J. Any proposed clearing of topsoil, trees, or other features is the minimum necessary to achieve safe and convenient access and siting of proposed structures, and will not create significant adverse effects on the identified sensitive resource, because tree removal and site disturbance have been minimized and if pine trees are removed, they will be replaced on a two-to-one basis. Oak trees will be replaced on a four-to-one basis.
- K. The soil and subsoil conditions are suitable for any proposed excavation; site preparation and drainage improvements have been designed to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation of streams through undue surface runoff, because, as conditioned, the project or use meets drainage and erosion control standards specified by the County Public Works Department.
- L. There will be no significant negative impact to the identified sensitive habitat and the project or use will be required to replace removed oaks and pines on a four-to-one basis and two-to-one basis respectively.
- M. The project or use will not significantly disrupt the habitat, because it is a single-family residence with minimal site disturbance.

Archaeology

N. The project as proposed will not have any impact on archaeological resources because the project will not disturb native soil.

TDC's

- O. Adequate instruments have been executed to assure that lot(s) to be retired will remain in permanent open space and that no development will occur because the applicant will provide verification that the retired lot(s) have been transferred to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County.
- P. The "receiver" site can accommodate the proposed scale and intensity of development without the need for a variance (Section 23.01.045), exception to height limitations (Section 23.04.124b) or modification to parking standards (Section 23.04.162h), because, as conditioned, the project or use meets Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance and Land Use Element requirements.
- Q. The circumstances of the transfer are consistent with the purpose and intent of the applicable planning area programs and standards regarding transfer of development credits.

EXHIBIT B - CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Authorized Use

- 1. This approval authorizes the addition of a pedestrian lift, residential elevator, and connecting breezeway to the existing single family residence totaling 53.31 square feet. The project will result in a site total of 1,829.31 square feet of footprint and 3,688.79 square feet of gross structural area on an approximately 7,183 square foot parcel. The project will not impact or remove any pine or oak trees, and will require the purchase of 127 transfer of development credits (TDC's).
- 2. All permits shall be consistent with a revised Site Plan, Floor Plans, and Elevations.

Conditions to be completed prior to issuance of a construction or grading permit

Grading, Drainage, Sedimentation and Erosion Control

- 3. If grading is to occur between October 15 and April 15, a sedimentation and erosion control plan shall be submitted pursuant to Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance Section 23.05.036.
- 4. The applicant shall submit a drainage plan for review and approval by the County Public Works Department.

Fire Safety

5. The applicant shall provide the county Department of Planning and Building with a fire safety plan approved by the Cambria Fire Department.

Cambria Community Services District

6. The applicant shall apply for a remodel of existing service and pay impact fees to the CCSD.

Landscape Plan

7. The applicant shall submit for Planning Director review and approval, a Landscape Plan that provides for the planting of all open areas of the site disturbed by project construction with native, drought and fire resistant species that are compatible with the habitat values of the surrounding forest. In addition, non-native, invasive, and water intensive (e.g. turf grass) landscaping shall be prohibited on the entire site.

Transfer of Development Credits

8. The applicant shall provide written verification from the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County that 127 square feet of Gross Structural Area has been transferred from a parcel within a special project area to the subject property.

Conditions applicable throughout project construction

Building Height

- 9. The maximum height of the project is 23 feet (as measured from average natural grade).
 - A. **Prior to any construction**, a licensed surveyor or registered civil engineer shall first file with the Building Official certification of compliance with the flood hazard elevation requirements, and shall then stake the lot corners, building corners, and establish average finished grade and set a reference point (benchmark).
 - B. **Prior to approval of the foundation inspection,** the benchmark shall be inspected by a building inspector prior to pouring footings or retaining walls, as an added precaution.
 - C. **Prior to approval of the roof-nailing inspection**, the applicant shall provide the building inspector with documentation that gives the height reference, the allowable height and the actual height of the structure. This certification shall be prepared by a licensed surveyor or civil engineer. Grading, Drainage, Sedimentation and Erosion Control
- 10. All runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, walks, patios, decks, shall be collected and detained on-site, or passed on through an effective erosion control devise or drainage system approved by the County Engineer.

Archaeology

- 11. In the event archaeological resources are unearthed or discovered during any construction activities, the following standards apply:
 - A. Construction activities shall cease and the Environmental Coordinator and Planning Department shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be recorded by a qualified archaeologist, and disposition of artifacts may be accomplished in accordance with state and federal law.
 - B. In the event archaeological resources are found to include human remains, or in any other case where human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner is to be notified in addition to the Planning Department and Environmental Coordinator so that proper disposition may be accomplished.

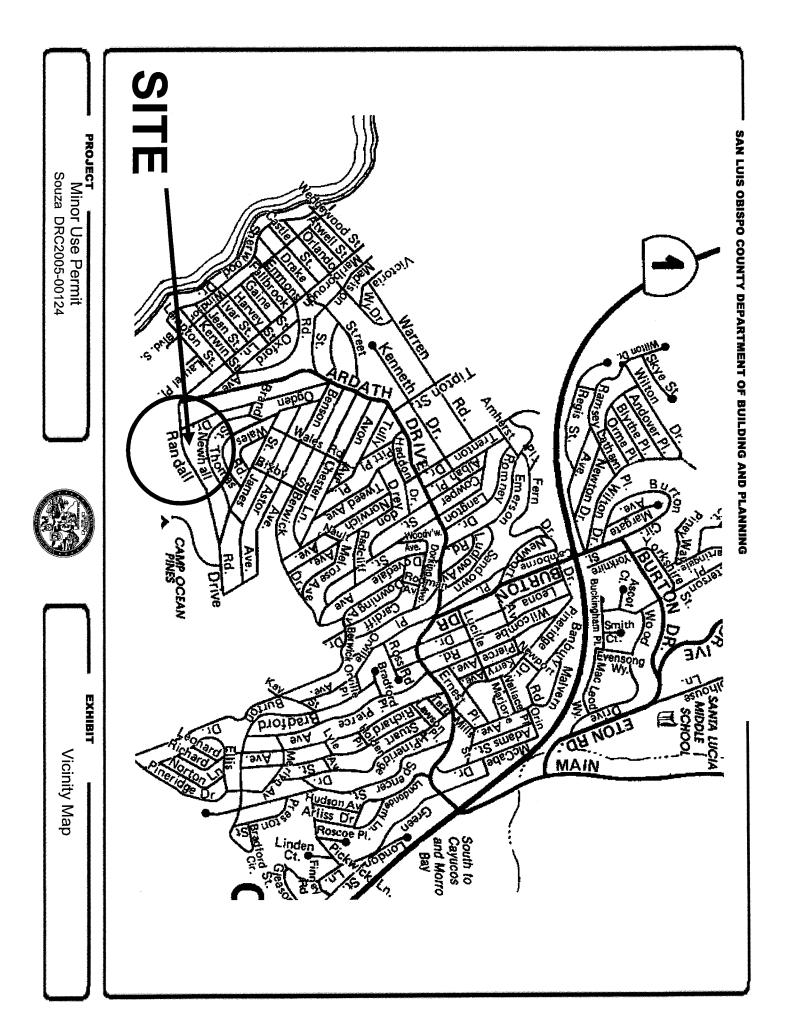
Conditions to be completed prior to occupancy or final building inspection /establishment of the use

Fire Safety

12. **Prior to occupancy or final inspection,** which ever occurs first, the applicant shall obtain final inspection and approval from Cambria Fire Department of all required fire/life safety measures.

Miscellaneous

- 13. **Prior to occupancy of any structure associated with this approval,** the applicant shall contact the Department of Planning and Building to have the site inspected for compliance with the conditions of this approval.
- 14. This permit is valid for a period of 24 months from its effective date unless time extensions are granted pursuant to Land Use Ordinance Section 23.02.050. This permit is generally considered to be vested once a building permit has been issued and substantial site work has been completed. Substantial site work is defined (Section 23.02.042) as site work progressed beyond grading and completion of structural foundations; and construction is occurring above grade ('sticks in the air').
- 15. All conditions of this approval shall be strictly adhered to, within the time frames specified, and in an on-going manner for the life of the project. Failure to comply with these conditions of approval may result in an immediate enforcement action by the Department of Planning and Building. If it is determined that violation(s) of these conditions of approval have occurred or are occurring, this approval may be revoked pursuant to Section 23.10.160 of the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance.

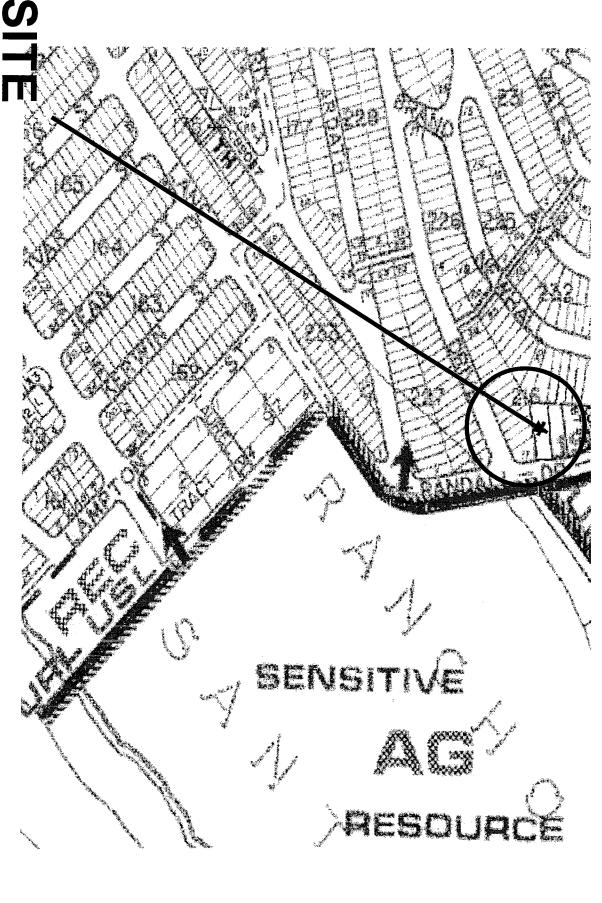


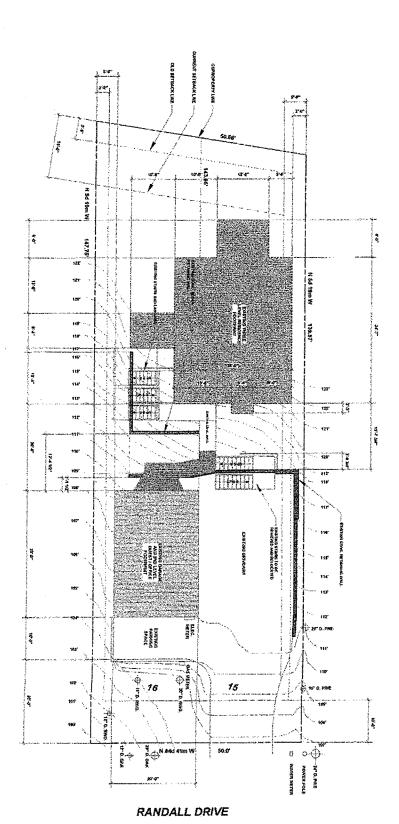
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EXHIBIT

Land Use Category







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EXHIBIT

Existing Site Plan



